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SUBJECT: GOL VIEWS ON UNCTAD IV

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1. L. KWIA JOHNSON, JR., ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY, WHO WAS ONE OF TWO LIBERIAN DELEGATES TO THE G-77 THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MANILA, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT UNCTAD SHOULD BE MORE THAN A DISCUSSION FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. JOHNSON FEELS IT SHOULD BE A DYNAMIC GENERATOR OF IDEAS AND SHOULD HAVE POWER TO IMPLEMENT THEM. JOHNSON SUPPORTS THE STAND ADOPTED BY THE G-77 IN MANILA THAT UNCTAD SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND STRENGTHENED, AND, IF NECESSARY, SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A THIRD WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, HE BELIEVES SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WOULD BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE LDC'S.

2. IN JOHNSON'S OPINION THE SECRETARIAT OF G-77 SHOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE RATHER THAN CONCERN ITSELF MAINLY WITH COORDINATION. HE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS G-77.

3. COMMENT: IN THE EMBASSY'S OPINION, JOHNSON'S VIEWS REFLECT THE GOL ATTITUDE TOWARD UNCTAD AND THE G-77 AND THE ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED BY THEM.

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